PO Admin Checklist

CLOSING PURCHASE ORDERS

Why should agencies close their purchase orders?

- The benefit of the closing process is that completed purchase orders no longer appear in your list of available purchase orders when you access purchase order pages in update and display mode.
- These completed purchase orders are also removed from the view in voucher so that they cannot be paid again.
- Removing these purchase orders improves system performance and decreases the time required to find purchase orders that you need to modify.
- The process of closing purchase orders liquidates the encumbered budget amounts for outstanding purchase orders.

The easiest way to close POs is by using the **Reconciliation WorkBench**.

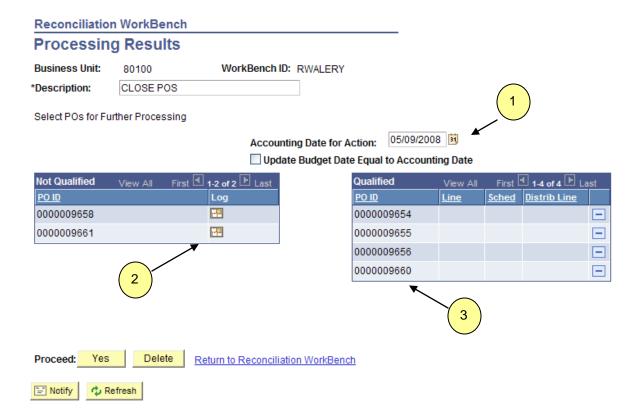
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- 1. If this is the first time you have used Reconciliation Workbench, set up a run control ID by using the 'Add a New Value' tab. You can name it "CLOSE_PO" or by your name.
- 2. For best results, do not fill in too many filter options unless you really need to narrow your search down. Two fields that really helps are:
 - a. Buyer
 - b. PO Status (i.e., Dispatched, Approved)
- 3. Refer to the <u>Reconciliation Workbench Checklist</u> for details on how to review the POs you wish to close.
- 4. Select the POS by checking the box to the left of the Purchase Order link as shown in the screen on the next page.

5. Click Close

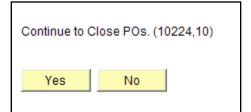
Reconciliation WorkBench Business Unit: 80100 WorkBench ID: RWALERY CLOSE POS *Description: Select POs for Further Processing List of Purchase Orders Customize | Find | View All | Download First 1-10 of 17 Last Detail Lines Purchase Order PO Status PO Date Last Activity Vendor ID <u>Buyer</u> 0000001669 000009649 Canceled N 03/05/2008 03/05/2008 Haman, Bev No Match V 000009654 Dispatched N 03/07/2008 03/10/2008 0000039373 Haman.Bev No Match **V** 000009655 Dispatched N 03/07/2008 03/10/2008 0000058747 Haman.Bev No Match ▼ 0000009656 0000023762 Dispatched N 03/07/2008 03/07/2008 Haman, Bev No Match 0000003792 ✓ 0000009658 Dispatched N 03/10/2008 03/10/2008 Haman.Bev No Match 0000009659 0000020118 Haman,Bev No Match Approved N 03/10/2008 03/10/2008 ✓ 0000009660 Dispatched N 03/10/2008 03/10/2008 0000006855 Haman.Bev No Match Dispatched N 03/14/2008 0000000172 Haman,Bev V 0000009661 03/14/2008 No Match 000009662 0000000171 Approved N 03/17/2008 03/17/2008 Haman, Bev No Match Canceled N 03/20/2008 03/20/2008 0000000172 Haman Bev No Match 0000009663 Clear All Dispatch Preview Approve Unapprove Close Action:

6. You will be taken to the Processing Results Page, which may look like this:

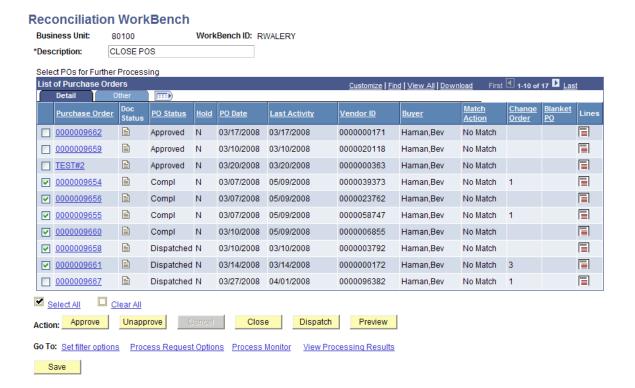


- 7. Balloon #1 in the screen above is a new feature that gives PO administrators the ability to date the closing procedure to a month-end date, fiscal year-end date, etc.
 - a. This accounting period will need to be "open" to backdate.
 - b. You will probably want to make the budget date equal to the accounting date by checking the box. This affects the budget check process in the distributions used.
- 8. Balloon #2 shows which POs have an error that stops them from closing.
 - a. Click on the Log icon by each one and read the message.
 - b. Go into each PO and make the changes as specified in these error logs.
- 9. Balloon #3 shows which POs qualify for closing. To continue with the close process,

click Yes to the right of "Proceed:"



- You will receive another confirmation screen; click "Yes."
- 11. You will be taken back to the **Reconciliation WorkBench** screen. The POs that closed successfully will still have a checkmark by them, but the status will have changed to "Compl" for Complete.



- 12. The POs that are check marked but still say the old status ("dispatched," in the example) were the POs that did not qualify. Once they are fixed, the PO administrator can try the closing process on them again.
- 13. Run the Budget Check process to make sure all encumbrances have been released. You can budget check a range based upon the PO numbers that were closed:

